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MPF open Saturday for customer service

Military Personnel Flight's customer service section will be open Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon for the following services: Common Access Cards, dependent cards, retiree cards, DEERS updates, SGLI, vRED and any other DEERS issues. If you have any questions, call 327-7361/62/63.

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Gate 1, 5 hours set to change Monday

Effective Monday, Gate 1 at Green Street and Gate 5 at Martin Luther King will close daily at 6 p.m. A study indicated a low volume of traffic entering and exiting those gates between 6-6:30 p.m.

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Base post office extends hours

The Robins Post Office has extended its operating hours for December. The holiday hours are Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The post office is located next to the Base Theater in Building 910, 740 Macon St.

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Rev-Up accepting holiday submissions

Does your organization have a holiday activity you would like to have included in the Rev-Up? If so, submit the information to Geoff Janes, editor, at vance.janes@robins.af.mil, or to Angela Trunzo, associate editor, at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil by 4 p.m. Monday for publication in the Dec. 17 Rev-Up. Photos, in JPEG format, also will be accepted. For more information, call 926-2137 or e-mail Mr. Janes or Ms. Trunzo.

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78th Logistics Readiness Flight gets Airmen ready for deployments

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Deploying thousands of troops takes a team effort. From ensuring Airmen are up to date on all necessary documentation and medical requirements to securing cargo needed for the mission, planning and executing deployments for all the units at Robins is a full-time job for the 78th Logistics Readiness Flight – one that requires a lot of planning.

Taking care of business
While a lot of planning is done days and sometimes even weeks in advance

What to know

In fiscal 2004, the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron's Readiness Flight processed 4,927 Airmen and 1,282.2 short tons of cargo for deployment. The flight has processed 4,617 Airmen and 1,086 short tons of cargo for deployment since the beginning of this calendar year.

of a deployment, there can still be some loose ends to be tied before Airmen ever board the plane. "When we do the deployment planning, we look at two key areas – per-

sonnel and cargo, said Capt. David Spencer, 78th Logistics Readiness Flight commander and installation deployment officer for all units assigned to Robins. "We'll plan for a personnel line, where we bring (the deploying) folks in and we have all the experts from Personnel, the legal office and other various areas come in and form a processing line to help folks get everything they need and get their cargo ready to get them out the door."

Representatives from various base agencies are on hand in Building 127 up to four hours before troops depart.

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Robins 3-day forecast
Courtesy of 78th OSS/OSW

Today
Partly cloudy with chance of rain
71/56

Saturday
Mostly sunny
65/42

Sunday
Partly to mostly cloudy
57/34

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holiday exchange

While many Airmen will be spending the holidays with their families this year, others will be defending their country on the other side of the world. This week the Rev-Up takes a look at the faces and places of Robins Air Force Base deployment.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Above, 2nd Lt. Kimberly Grisson boards a KC-135 Monday for a 19th Air Refueling Group deployment to Al Eudid Air Base, Qatar. Below, Ryan Rodriguez and his mom Christina hold a welcome home sign for his dad and her husband, Staff Sgt. Pete Rodriguez, Sunday.



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A bright, chilly December day ushered out the first group of Black Knights heading for Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, while a rainy night in Georgia welcomed their brothers and sisters home. The group of Airmen, the second to return within a week's time, arrived a little later than scheduled, but were nevertheless greeted by waving flags and some very happy family members. Christina Rodriguez and her sons Ryan and Jonathan were glad to say goodbye to the waiting game. With 72 days between them and Staff Sgt. Pete Rodriguez, a boom operator with the 99th Air Refueling Squadron,

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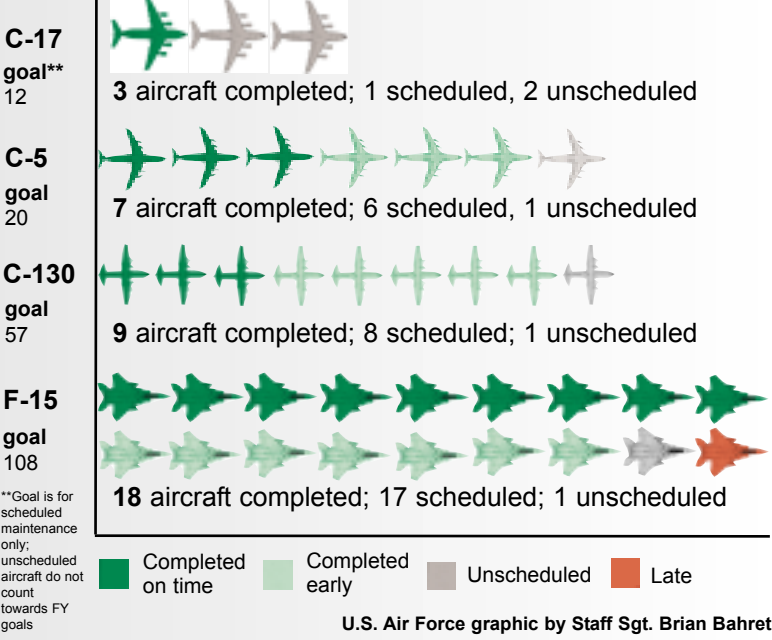
they were giddy with anticipation. "We've been waiting on him to get home so we can put up the Christmas tree together," said Mrs. Rodriguez. "We're really just looking forward to being able to spend time with him." While she is looking forward to the shopping days ahead, her 7-year-old son Ryan was ready for a father-son wrestling match. Phoebe Webb, who had to celebrate her

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Unit deployments

Other units at Robins also have Airmen deployed during the holidays. Currently the 5th Combat Communications Group has 22 people deployed. The 116th Air Control Wing has 318 people deployed but expect 135 to return before Christmas. The 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron has 51 people deployed but expect them home before Christmas.

Aircraft Maintenance Output fiscal 2005 year-to-date production (as of Dec. 8)



Base health officials give advice on how to stay healthy during flu season

What to know

Flu shots are available for those who are considered high risk candidates: retired military members age 65 and older, military dependents 6 to 23 months old, and Airmen with serious medical conditions such as asthma.

Flu shots are available to those high risk individuals at the 78th Medical Group's Immunization Clinic in Building 700A, Monday through Friday from 7:30 to 11 a.m.

Health care providers and Child Development Center workers will begin receiving a Flu mist, a vaccination in spray form, as early as Monday.

For more information, contact the Immunization Clinic at 327-7921.

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If you want to avoid getting the flu this season, wash your hands of it.

Hundreds of people come down with the flu each year – headache, fever, and body aches and the whole gamut of symptoms. But health officials at Robins said avoiding the aches and pains of the virus are as simple as practicing good hygiene.

Dairlyn Brown, registered nurse and health educator with the Health and Wellness Center here, said soap and water are the two essential ingredients in battling the virus.

“The best way to avoid the flu is to wash your hands with soap and warm water,” she said. “You really just want to

use regular soap and water. Even if you use waterless soap, you don’t need the anti-bacterial soap because it only increases the resistance to bacteria.”

Mrs. Brown said people should make sure they rub their hands together for 10 to 15 seconds to thoroughly dislodge flu-causing germs.

In addition, Mrs. Brown said getting plenty of rest and keeping stress levels down helps keep the immune system ready to fight off the infection.

Tech. Sgt. Gabreayl Harris, 78th Medical Group’s Immunization Clinic noncommissioned officer in charge, said while the flu shot is available only to those at high risk for getting the disease, living a healthy lifestyle is one of the best preventions against the flu.

“Try to stay as healthy and

fit as possible, so you don’t become as susceptible to getting the flu,” he said. “In addition to eating right and exercising, people should use simple practices like washing your hands really (well) whenever you blow your nose or anything of that nature to help in preventing the disease.”

According to 78th Medical Group educational materials, if you develop the flu you should get plenty of rest, drink lots of liquids and avoid using alcohol and tobacco.

You can take medications to relieve the symptoms of flu, but never give aspirin to children or teenagers without first speaking to your doctor.

If your flu symptoms are unusually severe, you should consult your health-care provider right away.



How to prevent the flu

- Avoid close contact.**
Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others.
 - Stay home when you are sick.**
If possible, stay home from work, school and errands when you are sick.
 - Cover your mouth and nose.**
Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
 - Clean your hands.**
Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.**
Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose or mouth.
- 78th Medical Group educational materials

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John Depew, assistant installation deployment officer with the logistics readiness flight, said timing is everything in executing a deployment.

“We give those Airmen who are deploying a checklist of items laid out on a timeline,” he said. “That timeline is based on when the aircraft is scheduled to depart. We try to get each person through the processing line in no more than one and a half minutes.”

Loading up and moving out

Before Airmen walk the line, deploying units are in a different line making sure cargo needed for the mission measures up.

Whether it’s computers and radio equipment or 18-wheel trucks and other mission-related vehicles, all cargo must pass the test before deployment.

“We inspect the cargo and make sure it’s properly prepared for airlift, so that it’s not going to endanger the aircrews, passengers or the aircraft,” Master Sgt. Glenn Carter, noncommissioned officer in charge in mobility operations for the 78th LRS, said. “We also make sure the cargo going on the deployment is properly documented in the system so that the combatant commander down the line knows what’s coming and when it’s coming.”

As the ramp coordinator and quality assurance evaluator, who oversees cargo in the freight yard area and ensures the aircraft maintains Air Mobility Command contract standards, Master Sgt. Carter



U.S. Air Force file photo by Sue Sapp

Members of the 78th Logistics Readiness Flight are responsible for ensuring Airmen are up to date on all necessary documentation and medical requirements, securing cargo needed for the mission, and planning and executing deployments for all the units at Robins.

works with the deployment function officer and base augmentees to ensure cargo is inspected and processed in a timely manner.

Staff Sgt. Frank Wright, cargo joint inspector with the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron, said his job starts long before cargo ever reaches the freight yard.

“We spend all year training with our counterparts across the base to ensure everybody is on the same page to accomplish getting the mission out,” he said. “We check and make sure hazardous materials and cargo like flammable liquids, munitions and bombs are properly shipped in the correct manner so that when it leaves this country and enters any other air space that the aircraft might transit through, there won’t be any problems.”

Making deployments happen

The 78th Logistics Readiness Flight’s 35 members work around the clock to make the deployment process a success. But Capt. Spencer said it’s not achieved alone.

“When we have a deployment, all of our people are very busy,” he said. “There are no idle hands in our area. This is absolutely a team effort, as all of the units deploying out work with us very closely. From the very beginning of the process to actually executing the deployment, we work together to make it a success.”

Percell named new Maintenance director

Air Force officials at the Pentagon announced Dec. 2 that Kenneth I. Percell will replace James B. Culpepper as the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center director of Maintenance.

Mr. Percell is currently director of Information Technology for Headquarters, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Mr. Culpepper has been selected to move to the Pentagon where he will become the chief of the Aircraft and Missile Support Division for the Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff for Installations and Logistics.

Mr. Culpepper has served at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center since 1994, first as the director of Financial Management and Comptroller, then as director of Logistics and finally as director of Maintenance since August 2002.

Mr. Culpepper and Mr. Percell are both members of the Senior Executive Service.

– From staff reports



Ken Percell will become the new Maintenance Directorate director.

DICE man aims to change attitudes toward security

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Ray Semko isn't your average security briefer. He doesn't carry a laser pointer or read from a script; instead he brings the ideals of security awareness, counterintelligence and terrorism to life through humorous stories and real life examples, all of which he brought to Robins Tuesday.

His two-hour presentation, Defensive Information to Counter Espionage or DICE 2004, was held at the Base Theater and gave a new twist on attitudes about security.

"DICE is the only subliminal counter intelligence awareness program in the United States government today," he said. "It's based on neuro-lingusitic programming, and it teaches that if you want your audience to remember something forever and a day, you must anchor it."

In order to "anchor" his message throughout the presentation he used a very unique technique.

"I use the figure of the dice and the word 'dice' and place it into the subconscious of the listeners so that from now on when they hear the word or see the figure they will think about spying, security, espionage,

What DICE is

Defensive Information to Counter Espionage (DICE) is a security awareness, counterintelligence and threat briefing examines the worlds of espionage and terrorism and provides ways to counter these threats through OPSEC and personal responsibility. It explains who the players are, their targets, their methods of operation and, most importantly, how you can protect the information you handle.

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operations security and terrorism."

Mr. Semko, who has been a special agent in counterintelligence charged with protecting this country's national security since 1971, said he came up with the program in 1989 because he got tired of people not remembering his message.

In his message he explained that security is threat driven. If there is no threat, there is no need for security. He also warned against taking people at face value by showing who the players are, their targets, their methods of operation, and most importantly, how one can protect the information you handle.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Ray Semko, also known as the DICE man gives a memorable briefing on defensive information to counter espionage Tuesday.

"We look at security as unnecessary overhead and a necessary evil," he said. "I want to change attitudes toward it and take it out of the reactive mode and put it into the proactive mode."

Calling his briefing "infotainment," his goal was to make Robins safer by making its eyes and ears proactive through education.

"Education is the cheapest defense

of a country," he said. "We can't meet current day threats with an old mind set."

Admitting right away that he was a "professional bad guy" for most of his career, Mr. Semko used personal examples from his time in the counterintelligence field as a "collector" of information to show Team Robins members how easy it is to be a target.

"As a collector the first thing I'm

going to do is become your friend," he told the audience. "Collectors are people who try to get information from others and are usually the nicest people in the world when they are working on you."

Giving that firsthand view of the worlds of espionage and terrorism he explained ways to counter those threats through operations security and personal responsibility.

He took the ideal of operational security to the home as well telling how we can better protect our homes.

Maj. Jeff Mailley, of the 116th Air Control Wing, said he enjoyed the briefing.

"I had seen the briefing before on tape about a year ago, but seeing it again definitely refreshes it and makes it more current," he said.

As a token of appreciation, Col. Greg Patterson, 78th Air Base Wing commander, presented Mr. Semko a plaque.

"It doesn't take a lot of marketing to fill a room when people hear that the DICE man's coming," he said. "Your reputation precedes you, and we're very excited and thankful for what you do for the Air Force and our country. On behalf of Team Robins thanks for being here and allowing us to participate in this."



Shanna McLees hugs Senior Airman Michael Long Sunday. Airman Long returned from a deployment to Qatar.

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one-year wedding anniversary alone, could hardly contain her joy when her husband Capt. Jeff Webb, a KC-135 pilot, stepped off the plane.

“It makes Christmas so much better when you know someone is going to be here,” she said. “You don’t realize what it was really like when they were gone until they’re here for a holiday.”

Captain Webb had a similar reaction to being home.

“I got a lump in my throat on the plane when I thought about seeing her,” he said.

He said being home hadn’t really sunk in yet, but he would be happy to see friends again and get some good home cooking.

Col. Jeff Kennedy, 19th Air Refueling Group deputy commander, was there to welcome the troops home too.

“It’s a very exciting time,” he said. “This is the payoff for all the work that we do, and the best part is getting to reunite the members with their families. We’re so excited to have them home.”

Though most of the Airmen were returning from Qatar, one of the passengers hitched a ride home from his deployment in Iraq. Col. Raymond Rottman’s wife and family stood awaiting his return after more than 100 days.

“We’re absolutely thrilled to have him back,” said Tess Rottman.

Colonel Rottman, commander of the 19th ARG will be leaving his position at the end of the month for a new job at Scott Air Force Base, so their holiday plans include reuniting as well as packing. (see sidebar for details)

“We’re moving in a few short weeks so the plan is to pack up and get ready to go and mix that in with Christmas,” she said. “We are excited about the move, but for now we are focusing on him coming home and the other families being reunited as well – that’s the most



Capt. Donnie Starling, navigator, prepares for the deployment flight in the cockpit of a KC-135 Nov. 29.

important for today.”

The commander said he is happy to be home again and to be able to do so with his fellow Black Knights made it even better.

“It’s awesome to be home after almost 100 days,” he said. “It’s nice to be a part of a very important mission over there in Iraq, and I am just happy to be back with the family especially at Christmas.”

While the homecoming means some families will be together for the holidays, the two groups of Airmen who left earlier in the week aren’t as fortunate.

“The mission continues no matter if there are holidays or not,” said Colonel Rottman. “Our hearts and prayers should go out to them more so this time of year than ever, because they’re separated from their families. They’re doing great things over there, and it’s an important mission that has got to be done. They are doing a great job.”

Twenty-three year old Airman 1st Class Nathan Giadrosich is one of those. He has deployed three times in the past two years, but said he is more proud each

time because he knows he is supporting his country.

“It feels really great to go over and do what I signed on to do,” he said before boarding the aircraft Nov. 29. “I know that I’m serving my country and that I’m doing what I can to make sure America is safe.”

The Destin, Fla., native said although Christmas is a time for family, this deployment isn’t so bad.

“I got to spend a little time with them for Thanksgiving,” said the 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron KC-135 crew chief. “I’d love to be able to see them at Christmas, but they understand. They know I have a job to do.”

Airman Zach Lauritzen, a boom operator with the 99th Air Refueling Squadron, headed out on his second deployment this year.

“It’s good for me because I’m not married and don’t have kids so the people with kids can stay home and enjoy the family time,” he said. “It makes me feel like I’m actually making a difference.”



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp
Col. Raymond Rottman, 19th Air Refueling Group commander, celebrates his return home from Iraq with his wife Tess.

Farewell flight

Commander’s return marks end of tenure with Black Knights

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While Sunday night was a great homecoming celebration for nearly two dozen Black Knights, it was also a special time to say goodbye to the man they have called their leader for more than a year.

Riding in with his troops on the 19th Air Refueling Group’s signature aircraft, a KC-135, Col. Raymond Rottman, group commander, accomplished two things - the end of a 100-day deployment to Iraq and his final flight as a Black Knight.

The commander returned early from his deployment at Balad Air Base, Iraq, where he served as the Operations Group commander, to prepare for his newest assignment as the 375th Airlift Wing commander at Scott Air Force Base, Ill. There he will replace Col. Barbara Faulkenberry, who also preceded him as the 19th ARG commander. Colonel Faulkenberry will become Squadron Officer College commander, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

According to Colonel Rottman there are mixed emotions attached to this move.

close family friend sprayed him with water as he exited the aircraft. The send off also included champagne and well wishes from the crowd.

Colonel Faulkenberry said she is well aware of her successor’s abilities as a leader and is happy to be able to hand over the reins once again.

“I am thrilled to be passing the 375th Airlift Wing torch to Colonel Rottman,” she said. “Like the 19th Air Refueling Group, the 375th Airlift Wing has a critical mission in the Global War on Terrorism and a rich history - the 12,000 Airmen and civilians who call Scott Air Force Base home will be in great hands under Colonel Rottman’s leadership. As a fellow Black Knight, I know he brings a tradition of excellence to Air Mobility Command’s ‘Showcase Wing’.”

The change of command ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. Dec. 30 at the Museum of Aviation’s Century of Flight Hangar. Colonel Rottman will relinquish command to Col. Steven Bernard, currently the 22nd Operations Group deputy commander at McConnell Air Force Base, Kan.

Additionally, Maj. Marc VanWert, 19th Operations Support Squadron director of operations, has been selected to replace Lt. Col. Creg Paulk as the 99th Air Refueling Squadron, commander. That change of command will take place next summer when Lt. Col. Paulk departs for the National War College in Washington D.C.



Senior Airman Brandon Benton gets a welcome home kiss from his son Ryan, 4, as his wife April and daughter Brianna, 2, look on Sunday.

Airmen get better dorm life with new heating, air system

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Airmen living in Dorm 780 will soon have more control – more climate control that is. Nearly 60 Airmen, who have been temporarily relocated to dorms base-wide during a six-month heating ventilation and air conditioning design-build project in the dorm, will come home to a more comfortable living space this month. The more than \$2 million project included a new heating and air conditioning system and heat pumps for each room, as well as new lighting, ceilings, carpet and sheetrock to replace the existing interior damaged by mildew and mold created by the old system. Paul Clark, construction inspector with the 778th Civil Engineering Squadron, said the new air system will give Airmen the comforts of home. “The new concept of the air conditioner gives Airmen constant conditioned fresh air with a constant exhaust system and individual control of their dorm room temperature,” he said. “Each room has its own heat pump and control over heating and cooling. In Georgia, as many may notice, you need a little heat in the morning and air conditioning by afternoon. With the new system, you can have both.”



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp
Ric Davis, dorm manager, adjusts the temperature of a new HVAC unit at Dorm 780. In addition, new lighting and carpet was installed.

Larry Allen, project manager with the 778th CES, said the new air system will create a much healthier environment for Airmen. “The small amount of constant fresh air – which will be conditioned to a set temperature and humidity level combined with the constant exhaust system – will eliminate stale air while removing the moist air in the bathrooms that have contributed to mold and mildew in the dorm,” he said. “The new system should improve the quality of life in the dorm.” Kim Baker, dorm manager with the 778th CES, said the project will give dorm residents a modernized home away from home. “Whether they’re a cold-natured or a hot-natured person, they’ll have access to cooling and heating all year, rather than only during the heating season or the cooling season” she said. Airman 1st Class Amber Sloan, contract specialist with the 78th Contracting Squadron, who is a new resident in the dorm, said she looks forward to living in the updated dorm. “This is going to give us a brand new facility to live in with a new air system that is more reliable and gives us a more clean and comfortable living environment,” she said. Mr. Clark said a similar project is slated to begin for Dorm 795 by April, with completion expected by May 2006.

Volunteers needed to be bell ringers

The Salvation Army needs volunteer bell ringers for the red kettle drive. Military, civilians and family members are welcome to volunteer. One to two people are needed per hour at the K-Mart on Watson Boulevard, 6-9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturdays, and at Ryan's Steakhouse on Watson Boulevard, 6-9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturdays. The drive runs through Dec. 23 and proceeds go to local Christmas assistance efforts. Volunteers have raised \$1,100 of the Salvation Army's total \$24,000 as of Sunday. To volunteer, contact 2nd Lt. Nick Ferry at 222-3882 or nicholas.ferry@robins.af.mil. This community service is provided by Robins personnel to the Salvation Army, and is in no way sanctioned by the Air Force.

– From staff reports

Commodity councils set to ‘revolutionize’ way AF does business

By Patsy Reeves

The Air Force is embarking on the most significant change ever experienced regarding sustainment support to the war fighter. Key components of this transformation are Purchasing and Supply Chain Management and the standup of commodity councils.

PSCM integrates our purchasing and supply processes into a single end-to-end process that spans the Air Force supply system, reducing supply chain operating costs and improving war fighter readiness. PSCM processes are customer-centric, and seamlessly link demand and supply planning, purchasing, inventory management and suppliers. This effort spans the command - including Headquarters and the three air logistics centers - and covers Material Support Division, equipment items and associated engineering services.

The PSCM team has launched Commodity Councils to formulate Air Force-wide purchasing

strategies and establish centralized contracts for selected commodity groupings based upon Federal Stock Classes. Drawing upon leading practices in the commercial and public sectors, commodity councils will integrate customers and suppliers, drive commonality and standardization, leverage purchasing volume and ensure that strategies are executed properly at decentralized levels across the Air Force Materiel Command enterprise.

The councils assigned to the Center are support equipment, communications and electronics, and aircraft structural - all located in the Combat Sustainment Directorate. The Support Equipment Commodity Council is responsible for developing strategic sourcing initiatives on 97 Federal Stock classes; Communications Electronics has 71 FSCs, and Aircraft Structural, which stands up in February, has four FSCs. The commodity councils at the Oklahoma City Center ALC are aircraft acces-

sories, aircraft engines, and instruments. Those at Ogden ALC at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, are secondary power systems, weapons-nuclear/missile/conventional, landing gear, and Training-Simulators-Warfare.

The commodity council concept is based on a few simple principles:

1. The more you know about the parts and services you buy and manage, the more value you can generate.
2. Commodity councils fully leverage the total knowledge of the enterprise by being cross-functional and matrixed.
3. Commodity councils are permanent structures. They operate continuously and are not stood up and disbanded around particular events.

Commodity councils consist of a multi-disciplined group of people to include contract specialists, item managers, production managers, program managers, equipment specialists, engineers and data analysts. In

addition, there are new position descriptions for sourcing analysts, business requirement analysts, market intelligence analysts and others. These disciplines work together as a co-located team to analyze past spending patterns, perform market research and gather market intelligence, and develop strategic contracts which will decrease costs, improve performance and schedule, and implement procurement flexibility.

One of the success stories already claimed by the work performed on the Support Equipment Commodity Council is a strategy to reduce the proliferation of oscilloscopes in the inventory, and to combine the requirements for a best value award. Instead of buying individual products, we began looking at what the oscilloscopes actually measure, and through the outstanding work of the LEEA engineering staff, we reduced the Air Force inventory of these items from 190 to three. Currently, the Air Force has an

estimated 20,000 oscilloscopes in its inventory. It expects to add 600 within the next three years to be used as replacements as current items become obsolete. This reduction in proliferation will not only save money when it comes to contracting for the items, but will save in the reduction in inventory, reduction in technical order maintenance and reduction in item management and equipment specialist time. It will also reduce the number of contracts required to support those items.

Commodity councils are a major step in reaching transformation goals for the Center, the command, and the Air Force. Their implementation will enable the Air Force to become a world class purchasing and supply chain management organization. Stay tuned for future developments as the councils stand up and strategies are implemented. We plan to revolutionize the way we do business, save taxpayers’ dollars, and provide even better support to the war fighter.



Patsy Reeves is the Contracting Directorate director.

Air Force big picture more than amount of squadron flying hours

By Staff Sgt. Vann Miller
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Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFPN) – At one point in the few years that I’d been in the Air Force, I decided to reenlist. But I’d had plans for myself before I came into the military and I hadn’t finished school like I had set out to do. I was even frustrated with some of the folks I worked for. So why was I doing it?

My family, though proud of my military service, told me they would support my decision to leave the Air Force. And with a wife and two kids to feed, it was good to know that the support was there.

I decided to stay in the military, however, because I believed it needed me. The Air Force and its sister services need people who believe they make a difference. They need people who want to help shape their service into a better

force. And they need people who take pride in their work... people who have an eye for the big picture.

The big picture isn’t necessarily the number of bombs on target or the amount of flying hours one squadron racked up in a month. Though those things are important, they aren’t tangible to every member in every work center. The big picture is doing the best job you can because you know people depend on you.

When it was time for me to decide if I would stay in the service, I took a look around my work center and into my own family life.

I realized that if I left the Air Force at that time, then the message I would leave my coworkers was one that says this “family” I had been a part of for eight years wasn’t worth any more of my time, and that is no message for a leader to give. Looking at my wife and kids, I thought that all they would learn

from me leaving the service was that it is not important to finish what you start, and that is no way to raise a family.

So with noble ideas running through my mind like integrity, service before self, and excellence in all we do, the choice was an easy one for me to make.

The next time you wonder if this military life is what you want, just ask yourself, “Can I see the big picture?”

Commander's Action Line

Col. Greg Patterson

Commander,
78th Air Base Wing

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.

Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use action.line@robins.af.mil.

Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage at <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.

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More crosswalks

I am a spouse who lives in the Crestview housing area on base. I don’t drive and have to walk to most appointments at the hospital for me and my 2 year old.

But when you get out of the housing area there are not a lot of crosswalks or sidewalks, and when you are pushing a stroller it’s hard to get across the roads unless someone stops to let you.

The sidewalk that passes the child development center is great, but we really need a crosswalk at each end so you can get onto it. I had to stand for about 5 minutes at the edge of the BX parking lot one day to cross onto that sidewalk.

I would appreciate it if we could have more crosswalks in that area.

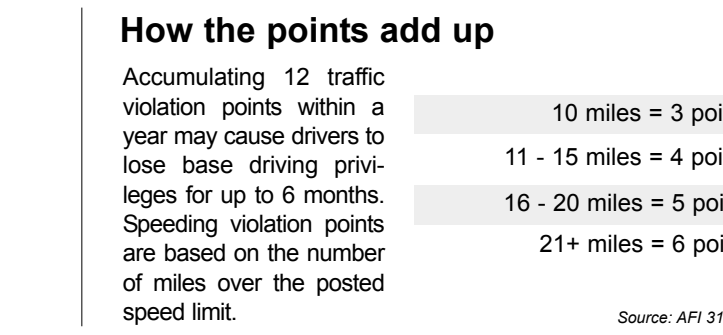
Commander’s reply: We appreciate your interest in traffic and pedestrian safety at Robins. Customer input is always welcome to help increase safety on base. Your suggestion is valid, but it is not typical to install crosswalks at mid-block sections of roads. The reason for this is that a crosswalk installed at mid-block can give the pedestrian a false sense of security, believing that motorists will yield to them.

However, crosswalks installed at the corner of Macon and Tenth Streets should provide pedestrians protection to cross in any direction they choose at this intersection. This proposal

will be discussed at the next Traffic Safety Coordination Group meeting and, if approved, the 78th CES will install the crosswalks. Additionally, an extension of the sidewalk along the north side of Tenth Street will connect the existing sidewalk you mentioned to the proposed crosswalks at this intersection. This should reduce the temptation for pedestrians to cross unsafely at mid block.

Please remember that a crosswalk does not guarantee protection for pedestrians; two white lines painted on the pavement have never physically stopped a vehicle. The pedestrian should always remain alert and careful when crossing traffic and never assume a vehicle will stop. Thanks again for your suggestion.

Remember to slow down



Airmen Against Drunk Drivers is a 24-hour-service that provides rides to those who have consumed alcohol and need transportation home. The program is run by volunteers from across base, and those who use the service aren’t subject to adverse action.

To request a ride, call: 335-5218, 335-5238 and 335-5236.

Robins DUI tracker

Fiscal 2003: 55

Fiscal 2004: 79

Fiscal 2005 to date: 11

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Robins around town



Col. Greg Patterson, 78th Air Base Wing commander, and his wife Debbie ride in the 2004 Warner Robins Christmas parade procession Saturday.



U.S. Air Force photo by Tommie Horton
Tops in Blue, a 32-member team of active duty officers and enlisted servicemembers from across the Air Force, perform at the Warner Robins Civic Center Tuesday.



The Robins Honor Guard marches down Watson Boulevard during the Christmas parade Saturday.

U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

A moment of respect



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp
Karen Bryant, 78th Mission Support Group secretary, pauses in the parking lot of Building 215 during the playing of the national anthem. Gayle Martin, chief of Protocol for the Center, said many may not know how to properly show their respect during Retreat and Reveille. According to Mrs. Martin, upon the first note of the national anthem or 'To the Colors', military members are to stand at attention and salute the flag or toward the music if the flag is not visible. Civilians honoring the flag during Reveille and Retreat are expected to stand with their hands over their hearts, facing the flag or the sound of the music, and remain standing until the last note is played. Anyone who is driving on base as the national anthem begins to play should stop their vehicles and remain silent until the last note is played.

Contracting Directorate employees decorate bears, stockings for local children, senior citizens

By Lanorris Askew
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The Robins Contracting Directorate is making sure children in the local community have a “Beary Merry Christmas” through the annual Salvation Army Christmas project.

Celebrating its 17th year in the collaborative effort to make sure Christmas morning is filled with cheer, PK presented 295 bears and stockings to the Salvation Army Monday.

Capt. Barry Corbitt, Salvation Army representative, accepted the bears.

“This is a wonderful thing that I get to do,” he said of his three years in this role. “It’s great to see the energy, the creativity and the charitable attitude that this group has in caring for what are some very needy children in this community.”

He said they’re looking to help about 1,000 children this year. The parents will come in to the Salvation Army Center Thursday, to choose among the bears, stockings and donated food items.

“The smiles we see on the face of the parents that day makes it all worthwhile for us, and you (PK) are responsible for that,” said Captain Corbitt. “In any community where the Salvation Army is active, it is the generosity and the benevolence of the public that make its mission possible.”

Patsy Reeves, PK director, called the event a real gesture of charity and thanked directorate employees for taking the time to think about others in the community.



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Above, Salvation Army’s Capt. Barry Corbitt admires the judge’s choice award, which was made by Pat Nixon. Below, Contracting Directorate employees presented 295 bears and stockings to the Salvation Army Monday.



The winners

Just for fun, PK recognized some of the most outstanding dressed bears and filled stockings.

This year’s judges were Jan Collings (wife of the Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander), Renee Anzalone (wife of Brig. Gen. Chris Anzalone, Center vice commander), Wayne Reeves (husband of Patsy Reeves, Contracting director) and Diane Beers (wife of Deputy Director of Contracting Col. Dennis Beers).

Stockings

Boy’s choice: Peggy Bezold
Girl’s choice: Carolyn Whittington
Adult’s choice: Christine Clark
Judge’s choice: Dee Young
Honorable mention: Joy Carroll

Bears

Best dressed boy: Judy Triplett
Best dressed girl: Maj. Linda Bethke
Cutest lady: Esther Crowe
Cutest man: Nancy Hanna
Honorable mention: Crystal and Mark Hollifield

RETIREEES

Mildred B. Barfield
Zora K. Cusimano
Colin K. Davis
Judy P. Davis
Carol L. Raschke
Allen Roberson Jr.
Robert C. Smith
Eloise J. Thompson

(retirements as of end of November first of December)

ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

To have an item listed in the bulletin board, send it to Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil by 4 p.m. Monday prior to the Friday of intended publication.

Morale calls

The Robins Video Teleconference Center facilitator is scheduling Health, Morale, and Welfare video teleconferences now through Dec. 30, for families and friends of deployed service-members. Calls will be conducted at mutually agreed upon times, during duty hours of 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and will be limited to 30-minute increments.

Families and friends should contact deployed military members, those on remote assignment and temporary duty assignment, to set up a VTC time beforehand. Mission-related VTCs will take priority over morale calls. For more information, contact Roy Busselle at 926-3637.

78th SFS children's Christmas party

The 78th Security Forces Spouses' Group will be hosting a children's Christmas party for the squadron Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. in Building 261. Santa will arrive at 2:30 p.m.

Please submit a \$3-5 gift for each of your children. Each gift needs to be wrapped and tagged with each child's first and last name. Gifts can be dropped off at the Security Forces offices.

Holiday postal deadlines

The recommended deadlines for sending mail from the United States to all overseas military mailing addressees for the holidays are listed below.

- Priority and first-class letters/cards: Saturday.
- Express mail military service: Dec. 20 (Not applicable for APO 093).

YMCA holiday camp

The YMCA will offer a day camp as a child care alternative for working parents during the holidays. The camp will be held at the YMCA at 2954 Moody Rd., Warner Robins. The schedule: Dec. 20-24, pre-register by Wednesday; Dec. 27 -31; and Jan. 3-5. Camp hours are from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., with the camp closing at 4 p.m. Dec. 24 and Dec. 31.

A non-refundable/non-transferable, one-day/child fee of \$15 for full member and \$20 for program members is required to pre-register. This fee will be applied towards the child's first day of camp. The camp is for children currently enrolled in kindergarten through 12 years old. For more information, contact Toni Bacon at 922-2566 or tbacon@hocoymca.org.

OSC meeting

Join the Officers' Spouses Club for their monthly meeting and holiday tea buffet Thursday at the Officers' Club at 10 a.m. New members are welcome. Childcare is available on a first come, first served basis. Call Trista Fredell for more information at 922-6626. Reservations are not mandatory for this event but are appreciated so enough food can be prepared. Call Beth Huber at 922-6628 if your name begins with A-M and call Suzanne Cahill at 329-0489 if your name begins with N-Z. E-mail reservations or cancellations can be made at BethOSC@mindspring.com.

ASIST class

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) will be held Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Occupational Health Building,

Building 207. Military members attending ASIST should wear civilian clothes. To register to attend the class, call the Health & Wellness Center at 327-8480 or e-mail bridget.zimmerman@robins.af.mil.

Tax center needs volunteers

The Robins base tax center needs volunteers to help active duty and retired military members and their dependents file income tax returns.

Military members who wish to join the tax center team should notify their first sergeant through their supervisors. The deadline to volunteer is Dec. 20.

The tax center will be open from Jan. 24 to April 15 from 1 to 5 p.m. Questions may be directed to Staff Sgt. Davonna S. Cromwell at 926-9276.

Base Housing refuse pickup

Due to Christmas and New Years' holidays being observed on a Friday, refuse pickup for Base Housing will be changed to Thursday, Dec. 23 and Thursday, Dec. 30. If you have any questions, contact Gail Davis at 926-5820 extension 188.

Motorcycle safety course deadline

The Center commander's

deadline for the new Motorcycle Safety Program requirements is Dec. 31. Military members are required to complete Motorcycle Safety Foundation training prior to riding on or off base. Contact the Center Safety Office at 926-6271 to sign up.

AF Reserve Palace Chase briefing

There will be a Palace Chase Force Shaping Briefing Jan. 12 at 10 a.m.

This one hour briefing will be conducted in Building 905, Room 240.

The Palace Chase program is an early release program which allows active duty Air Force officers and enlisted to request to transfer from active military service to an Air Reserve Component.

There are many opportunities in the Air Force Reserve for you to continue your education, cross train and serve near your home. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Danny R. Varga at 327-7367

Search for P.O.W.'s, M.I.A.'s

The Sampson Air Force Base Association Inc. wants to honor and record the names of prisoners of war and missing in action for the 3650th Basic Military Training Wing (1950-56).

For more information, contact Chip Phillips at (716) 633-1119 or chip34@aol.com.

American Red Cross needs base coordinator

The Houston Middle Georgia Chapter of the American Red Cross is looking for a coordinator of Base volunteers.

This volunteer position will be responsible for keeping time sheets for volunteers, planning yearly recognition services, recruiting new volunteers, doing orientations for new volunteers, and working closely with Family Support Center representative and American Red Cross representative.

If you are interested, send a resume and cover letter by mail to Mary Jennings, Base Liaison, American Red Cross, 346 Corder Rd., Warner Robins, GA 31088, by e-mail at mjennings@redcrosshmgga.org or by fax at 922-8858.

Free packing materials

The United States Postal Service is offering free packing materials to spouses and families of military members who are deployed overseas.

To take advantage of this service, call (800) 610-8734. They will send you free boxes, packing materials, tape and mailing labels.

New system reduces wait time, increases patient care

By Col. Andrew R. Kious
Clinical Flight commander
78th Dental Squadron

The 78th Dental Squadron is the first Air Force Materiel Command clinic to employ “Dental Care Optimization”, or DCO. DCO uses all dental personnel more effectively by supporting each dentist to work out of two to three rooms simultaneously.

The squadron was selected to adopt DCO early due to our modern facility with numerous treatment rooms.

The previous model was one dentist, one room and one assistant. With DCO, dental auxiliary receive extensive training and are empowered to perform tasks not previously required. This new model increases the amount of dental care we provide while improving access.

DCO will also change the way annual dental exams and sick calls are managed. All units assigned to Robins will be empanelled to one of three DCO teams.

Each DCO team will have a team coordinator to manage periodic dental exams, sick call and subsequent appoint-

ments; they will work closely with the unit health monitors to schedule the periodic dental exams. For dental sick call, individuals should call the team coordinator to determine the best time to arrange evaluation and treatment.

Our goal is to reduce the waiting time and maximize the care we provide our patients.

These changes reflect a dental corps-wide trend that is intended to reduce the need to refer patients to civilian dentists for care as well as offset the growing difficulty in recruiting and retaining quality dental officers.

DCO will improve the quality of care, the amount of care we can provide in house and reduce costs of private sector care.

The transition to DCO is planned so that all Air Force clinics will be optimized by 2012.

The Robins clinic will be seeking six more talented civilian dental assistants in January to work as contractors. Anyone interested in these positions should contact Senior Master Sgt. Jacqueline McLear at 327-8079.

No pain, no gain



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Members of the 78th Security Forces Squadron had an incentive to raise more than \$16,000 for the Combined Federal Campaign: Maj. James Seward, 78th SFS commander, promised to have his head shaved if the squadron met its CFC goal. Members of the squadron also bid to throw pies at other squadron members to raise money for their Christmas party. Above, New England Patriot cheerleader Amber Van Eeghen puts a pie in Capt. Michelle Stringer's face. Right, Staff Sgt. Christopher Navarro prepares a pie for throwing. Below, Jesselyn, 3, finishes cutting her dad's, Major Seward, hair.



Center exceeds 4 of 5 Small Business goals for fiscal 2004

Center Small Business Office

The Small Business Office recently announced the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center posted another outstanding year in small business program support. For fiscal 2004, the Center exceeded its goals for awards to small, small disadvantaged, woman-owned and historically underutilized business zone (HUBZone) firms. Awards to small businesses totaled \$849.5 million, to small disadvantaged businesses totaled \$159.4 million, to woman-owned small businesses totaled \$79.9 million and to HUBZone firms \$54.8 million. Obligations with small, women-owned, and HUBZone businesses represent increases of \$139.1 million, \$15.7 mil-

lion and \$7.6 million respectively compared to fiscal 2003. The only goal the Center did not meet was in awards to service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses (SDVOSBs); however, the Center realized significant improvement in this area. In fiscal 2004, obligations to SDVOSBs totaled \$8.1 million, an increase of \$3.8 million over the previous year. According to Jim Lovett, small business office director, the hard work among program management, contracting, engineering and acquisition excellence personnel helped his office execute an effective small business program in fiscal 2004. "My staff and I appreciate the support of all those organizations and individuals who worked with us to foster small

business participation in support of the Center's mission," he said. "We had another amazing year, and it is once again a reflection of cooperation among all stakeholders in the acquisition process." The Center's fiscal 2004 performance reflects continued progress over the past several years, and Mr. Lovett believes the early consideration of small business issues in working acquisition strategy as pivotal in targeting opportunities. Total dollars obligated in fiscal 2004 to small, woman-owned, HUBzone, and SDVOSBs were the highest ever reached by the Center. For fiscal years 2002 and 2003, the Center small business program was recognized by the Secretary of the Air Force as the best in the Air Force.

WRALC FISCAL 2004 SMALL BUSINESS PERFORMANCE

Small Business base was \$3.52 billion

Category	Goal	Performance
Small Business	21 percent	\$849.5 million (24.1)
Small Disadvantaged	4.2	\$159.4 (4.5)
Woman-Owned	1.9	\$79.5 (2.3)
HUBZone	1.4	\$54.8 (1.6)
Service-Disabled Vet	0.3	\$8.1 (0.23)

WRALC SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM

Category	fiscal 2002	fiscal 2003	fiscal 2004
Small Business base	\$2.76 billion	\$3.38 billion	\$3.52 billion
Small Business	\$571.1 million	\$710.4 million	\$849.5 million
Small Disadvantaged	\$139.9 million	\$163.2 million	\$159.4 million
Woman-owned	\$45.6 million	\$64.2 million	\$79.9 million
HUBZone	\$20 million	\$47.8 million	\$54.8 million
Service-disabled vet	\$0.6 million	\$4.3 million	\$8.1 million

Source: Center Small Business Office

Eye on Robins



2004

During the course of 2004, men and women from Robins Air Force Base deployed all over the globe in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. They left their families and friends to go out and do what they were trained to do – support American interests. And they did it everywhere – from the Iraqi desert to Afghanistan to the cold of Kyrgyzstan and the colder Antarctica.

Units here also flew missions in support of Homeland Defense. There were Airmen performing battle damage repairs, providing security, running miles of communications cables, flying aerial refueling missions, performing maintenance on aircraft and setting up or tearing down base bases.

To help facilitate it all, the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron's Readiness Flight at Robins has processed 4,617 Airmen and 1,086 short tons of cargo for deployment since January.

(Graphic illustration by Staff Sgt. Brian Bahret)

How far is it?

- #1 UK - 4,139 mi
- #2 Spain - 4,313 mi
- #3 Turkey - 6,241 mi
- #4 Iraq - 6,781 mi
- #5 Kuwait - 7,138 mi
- #6 Bahrain - 7,401 mi
- #7 Qatar - 7,481 mi
- #8 UAE - 7,600 mi
- #9 Uzbekistan - 7,060 mi
- #10 Kyrgyzstan - 7,055 mi
- #11 Afghanistan - 7,486 mi
- #12 Pakistan - 7,760 mi
- #13 Japan - 7,882 mi
- #14 Djibouti - 7,790 mi
- #15 Diego Garcia - 10,114 mi
- #16 Antarctica - 8,687 mi
- #17 Ecuador - 2,277 mi



Robins Air Force Base

#1 United Kingdom
OEF
19th ARG
116th ACW

#2 Spain
OEF
19th ARG

#3 Turkey
OEF
19th ARG

#6 Bahrain
OEF
5th CCG

#8 United Arab Emirates
OEF
19th ARG

#13 Japan
OEF
19th ARG

#14 Djibouti
OEF
78th CEG
78th SFS

#15 Diego Garcia
OEF
19th ARG
116th ACW

#17 Ecuador
OEF
19th ARG

#4 Iraq
OEF
19th ARG
78th CEG
78th CS
78th SFS

Robins Units Deployed			
OEF	19th ARG	116th ACW	5th CCG
OIF	78th CEG	AIRC	78th MDG
	78th CS	WRALC	17th ASOS
			78th SFS
			18th ASOS
			78th SVS
			19th ARG
			116th ACW
			653rd CLSS
			78th CEG
			78th OSS
			WRALC

#7 Qatar
Robins Units Deployed
OEF
5th CCG
19th ARG
78th CEG
78th CS
78th LRS
78th MDG
78th SFS
78th OSS
116th ACW
653rd CLSS
WRALC

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#9 Uzbekistan
Robins Units Deployed
OEF
78th CEG
78th SFS
78th CS
116th ACW
78th OSS
WRALC
78th MSS

#10 Kyrgyzstan
Robins Units Deployed
OEF
19th ARG
78th SFS
78th CEG
116th ACW
78th CS
AIRC
78th MDG
WRALC
78th MSS

#5 Kuwait
Robins Units Deployed
OEF
5th CCG
116th ACW
19th ARG
653rd CLSS
78th CEG
AIRC
78th LRS
WRALC
78th MSS

#11 Afghanistan
Robins Units Deployed
OEF
17th ASOS
78th CS
18th ASOS
116th ACW
19th ARG
WRALC
78th CEG

#12 Pakistan
Robins Units Deployed
OEF
78th MDG
78th SFS
OIF
5th CCG
78th CEG

#16 Antarctica
Robins Units Deployed
OEF
653rd CLSS

SERVICES BRIEFS

Aero Club

Qualified commercial pilots are escorting families on flights to see area Christmas lights from the sky. Cost is \$60 per half hour or \$100 per hour for up to three people. Reservations are required. For more information, call 926-4867.

Base Library

Santa will read and listen to children's wish lists at the Base Library, Building 905, Monday at 10 a.m. For more information, call 327-7379.

Child Development Centers East & West

A holiday cookie project is scheduled for Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. Parents are encouraged to assist children with decorating holiday cookies and to enjoy the finished products.

Customer Feedback Survey

The annual Air Force Customer Feedback Survey will be delivered soon to Robins and given randomly to individuals throughout the base. The survey is used to measure customer satisfaction, quality of service, quality of facilities, quality of equipment and materials, value for price paid, and an overall assessment of at least 20 of the division's major programs. Customers who take the time to answer the survey provide input that will have a major impact on future Services programs. For more information, call Services Marketing at 926-5492.

Enlisted Club

A New Year's Eve gala will be held at the club with entertainment by Conquest in the ballroom and DJ Willie Nelson in J.R. Rockers. Guests will save when they purchase their tickets before Wednesday. Cost for members is \$20 and for guests is \$25. After Wednesday, cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for guests. The club will open at 7 p.m. with entertainment beginning at 9 p.m. The evening will be made complete with hors d'oeuvres, breakfast buffet,

champagne and party favors. For more information, call 926-4515.

Football Frenzy 2004 is held at the Robins Enlisted Club. By participating in Football Frenzy, club members have an opportunity to win a trip to the Super Bowl game XXXVIII in Jacksonville, Fla. Feb. 6 or a pro game in Honolulu, Hawaii Feb. 13. Football Frenzy is sponsored in part by Miller Brewing Co., American Airlines and Double Tree Alana Waikiki. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

Go Program

The Go Program will offer a variety of events, activities and discounts designed specifically for junior enlisted force. All E1 - E4s and their immediate family members may take advantage of these programs. Your Go card is your entry to all special events and must be shown to receive special discounts. Look for Go offers throughout 78th Services Division facilities during December, January and February. Make sure you carry your card. The Go patrol will be doing random spot checks and awarding prizes. For more information, call 926-5492.

Information, Tickets and Travel

Get a free CD case with the purchase of an Atlanta Hawks ticket at ITT. Tickets cost \$35. Watch the Atlanta Hawks versus New Jersey Nets Saturday at 7 p.m., Tuesday versus Indiana Pacers; Dec. 17 versus Portland Trail Blazers; Dec. 22 versus Dallas Mavericks; Dec. 28 versus Cleveland Cavaliers and Dec. 30 versus Seattle Sonics. For a complete listing of the season's games visit ITT or www.robins.af.mil/services and click on the ITT link.

Take a trip with ITT to watch the Atlanta Hawks versus the New Jersey Nets at the Philips Arena Jan. 17 at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$55 per person. Transportation will depart the community center at 4 p.m. For

more information call 926-2945.

A Celtic Christmas with Robins Bullock and Steve Baughman will be held at the Douglas Theatre in Macon today at 8 p.m. Purchase advance tickets for \$15 at the ITT office in Buidling 767.

ITT has tickets for the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl 2004 Atlantic Coast Conference versus the South Eastern Conference championships for \$65 plus a \$3 convenience fee. The University of Miami Hurricanes will meet the University of Florida Gators Dec. 31 at 7:30 p.m. at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta.

Officers' Club

Join the fun at Boss N' Buddy night Wednesday at 5 p.m. at the Wellston. This event includes trivia games, prizes and appetizers.

Bring in 2005 at the club with a buffet dinner, party favors, champagne at midnight and a continental breakfast. Featured entertainers will be Tommy West and the Sensations from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. and Total Sound Productions in the main lounge from 8 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are on sale for \$40 per person. For patrons' convenience, 20 rooms will be available at lodging. Reservations for these rooms can be made through the officers' club cashier.

Pizza Depot

Pizza Depot December specials include a 16-inch pepperoni pizza for \$7.95, delivery only; wing trays for \$4.95 a dozen and three-foot subs for \$20 or five-foot subs for \$30.

Riding Stables

The riding stables, near Luna Lake, offer a lighted riding ring, hot and cold wash racks, horse trail, stalls and a horse pasture. Costs include monthly \$15 family membership fee plus monthly stable fee of \$67. All base ID cardholders, including active duty, reserve,

retired and DoD civilians, are eligible to use the stables. For more information, call 926-3214.

Smith Community Center

Help make someone's holiday a little happier by donating to the community center canned food drive now through Dec. 21. Donations are used to create holiday food baskets to distribute to deserving Robins families. This program benefits both military and civilian employees and their families. Collection boxes are located throughout Services facilities and will be emptied each Friday with final collection Dec. 21. Collection boxes for areas other than Services facilities can be placed upon request. Confidential applications will be accepted at the community center office, Building 767 for any one who knows of a family that would benefit from receiving a holiday food basket. Volunteers are needed to assemble and deliver the baskets. For more information, call Lynne Brackett at 926-2105.

A beautiful bag contest will be held Monday at the Smith Community Center. A variety of materials can be used to decorate the bags. Judging will take place Tuesday with certificates awarded to the winners. The beautiful bags will be on display in the community center ballroom Monday through Friday, Dec.17. Decorated bags will then be used to make holiday food bags to be distributed to families in the Robins community. For more information, call 926-2105.

Spalding Nature Center

To hunt on base a Georgia safe hunting license and a base hunting permit are required. Call 926-4001 to sign-up for the base hunter's safety course.

The Oscar's Amphitheatre is available for weddings, retirement parties, meetings and classes. Cost for rental is \$15 with a \$25 refundable deposit. For reservations and information, call 926-4500.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

Adult tickets are \$3.50; children (11 years old and younger) tickets are \$2. For more information, call the Base Theater at 926-2919.

Today 7:30 p.m. – Ray – Jamie Foxx and Regina King

Ray Charles went blind at 7. With the staunch support of his determined single mother, he developed the fierce resolve, wit and incredible talent that would eventually enable him to overcome not only Jim Crow racism and the cruel prejudices against the blind, but also discover his own sound which revolutionized American popular music. Nonetheless, as Ray's unprecedented fame grew, so did his weakness for drugs and women, until they threatened to strip away the very things he held most dear. Rated PG-13 (depiction of drug addiction, sexuality and some thematic elements) 152 minutes



Saturday 2 and 7:30 p.m. – The Incredibles – animated

A dysfunctional family of famous superheroes, led by the retired and overweight Mr. Incredible is placed in a quiet suburb by a witness protection program in order to protect them from their archnemesis. But their peaceful existence is hardly that, with family disagreements sprouting up even during fights with the bad guys. And when the world is threatened, Mr. Incredible must go back to work to save the planet. Rated PG (Parental Guidance Suggested) 115 minutes

COMING SOON:
Dec. 17 – no show
Dec. 18 – **The Polar Express** – animated – Rated G
Dec. 24 – no show
Dec. 25 – no show
Dec. 29 – **Spongebob Squarepants** – animated – Rated PG
Dec. 30 – **National Treasure** – Nicolas Cage and Justin Bartha – Rated PG



ROBINS CLUBS

National Contract Management Association usually meets the third Wednesday of the month at the Officers' Club at 11:30 a.m., but that can change depending on speaker availability. For information, call Michelle Idone at 926-2231.

Officers' Christian Fellowship meets Tuesdays at 7:15 p.m. at a member's home. OCF serves all active duty officers, enlisted personnel, guard and reserve members, ROTC cadets/midshipmen, international military personnel and civilian employees of military retirees. For more information, contact Capt. Melissa Cunningham at melissa.cunningham@robins.af.mil or 1st Lt. Ann Walsh at ann.walsh@robins.af.mil

Procurement Toastmasters Club, open to all of Team Robins, meets the first and third

Thursday of each month at noon in the Contracting Directorate's conference room, north end of Building 300. For information, call Lily Fickler at 222-1673.

Ravens Toastmasters Club meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. in the Special Operations Forces Management Directorate's conference room No. 1, Building 300, East Wing, door E-4. For information, call Eddie Sanford at 222-3052.

Reserve Officers Association Chapter 36, The Flying Tigers, holds its luncheon meetings the second Tuesday of each month, 11:30 a.m., at the Officers' Club. Lunch is pay-as-you-go buffet. Membership is open to Reserve officers of any service component, active or retired, and spouses. For more information, contact Lt. Col. Larry Ruggiero at 327-0227 or Lt. Col. Ray

Cancilleri at 327-1622.

Robins Top 3 Association meets the third Thursday of each month at 3 p.m. at the Enlisted Club. For information, call Master Sgt. John Maldonado at 926-7686 or Senior Master Sgt. Cynthia Cummings at 327-7639.

The Military Order of the Cootie and the Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary meet the second Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at VFW Post 6605, 1011 Corder Rd., Warner Robins. For more information, call 922-2154.

Editor's Note: Information is provided by club members. To have your club or group's information included or updated, submit it to Angela Trunzo in Building 215, Room 106, by e-mail at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil or by fax at 926-9597.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic Masses are celebrated at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and at a 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Protestant General Services take place every Sunday at 11 a.m. This service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and in format. **Protestant Inspirational Services** take place every Sunday at 8 a.m. **Protestant Contemporary Services** take place 11 a.m. each Sunday at the Base Theater. This service is very informal, with a praise team assisting in singing and includes both traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.

Jewish service time is each Friday at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue. **Islamic Friday Prayer** (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex Rooms 1 and 2.

The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

Family Support Center sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins personnel. For more information or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.

Transition assistance

The Transition Assistance Program ensures active duty personnel are prepared to separate from the military. Classes are offered throughout the year.

Relocation assistance

The FSC has videos on many Air Force installations around the world available for checkout. The relocation assistance program also has a Standard Installation Topic Exchange Service that has information on all military installations worldwide at www.airforcesourceone.com (user ID: airforce; password: ready). For more information, call 926-3453.

Pre-deployment briefings

Pre-deployment briefings are offered by the FSC readiness

team at 8:30 a.m. Mondays and Fridays in Building 945, FSC annex. For more information, call 926-3453

Airman's attic

The Airmen's Attic program supports junior enlisted members that are establishing a household. E-4s and below are encouraged to visit the attic to find items to help defray the cost of setting up an apartment or home. Items usually available include kitchenware, small appliances and decorative items. The attic also provides children's clothing, toys and military uniforms. Large items such as chairs, couches, washers, dryers, entertainment centers, desks and tables are donated to the Airman's Attic. These larger items are passed on to junior enlisted members by way of a "Wish List." Airmen are encouraged to visit the Attic and list their needs on the wish list.

Car care program

The Car Care Because We

Care program is open to active duty Air Force spouses when the military member deploys on assignment for more than 30 days. Additionally, spouses of active duty Air Force members serving remote tours overseas are now eligible to use this program. Spouses may receive two certificates during the yearlong assignment. This program allows the spouse to take the primary family vehicle to the Base Service Station for free oil and filter change, (\$20 value), chassis lubrication and a safety inspection.

Certificates are issued to the spouse at the Family Support Center after verification of the member's remote tour, TDY/deployment. If the safety inspection at the service station reveals safety concerns, the spouse may approach the Air Force Aid Society office to apply for an interest-free loan.

To receive the certificate, bring a copy of member's orders by the FSC.

LEAVE/TRANSFER

The following people have been approved as participants in the leave transfer program.

Denese L. Abbott, WR-ALC/MAMC-BA. Point of contact is Michael Abbott at 926-1707.

Randy L. Barron, LGECA. Point of contact is Michael E. Wills at 222-3067.

Roger Steve Cadwell, MANRXX. Point of contact is Rick Vance at 926-3414.

Althea L. Ferguson, DPCP. Point of contact is Linda Clouse at 926-3805 extension 205.

Kathryn G. Mitchem, PKXA. Point of contact is Judy Triplett at 926-5355.

Pamela A. Rogers, HQ-AFRC-FMAPH. Point of contact is Paul Skipper at 327-1414.

Audrey Schmitz, MAAB. Point of contact is John Pugh at 222-3570.

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Rev-Up, directorates should send information to Angela Trunzo by fax at 926-9597, or e-mail at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bowling Center

Looking for a fun place to hold a party? Robins Lanes can be reserved for an office party any afternoon from 1 - 5 p.m. Bowl three games per bowler, plus shoes for \$4.50.

Celebrate New Year’s Eve bowling with the family Dec. 31 at 9 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person and includes bowling, snacks and party. Children 11 years old and younger bowl free when accompanied by a paying adult.

Free UGA basketball tickets

Services is giving away free University of Georgia basketball tickets: men's basketball team versus Stetson Dec. 31 at 3 p.m. and women's basketball team versus Tennessee-Martin Jan. 2 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets will be reserved on a first come, first served basis while supplies last or through Tuesday. To reserve a ticket, call Marisa Mammano at 926-6629.

Fitness Center

An indoor soccer tournament will be held Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Heath and Wellness Center. For more information, call 926-2128.

A Club Robins Winter Aerobathon will begin at 1:55 p.m. Sunday. Activities will include boot camp, cardio fusion, aqua fun, step-in-line and yoga stretch. Door prizes and refreshments will be offered. For more information, call 926-2128.

A jingle bell fun relay is slated for Dec. 20 at 10

a.m. in front of the Health and Wellness Center. This event is sponsored in part by Atlanta Bread Company. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

Golf Course

Every Wednesday in December is Ladies Day. Cost is \$13 for 18 holes, golf car and green fee.

Active duty appreciation days will be held Saturday and Dec. 18. Cost is \$15 for 18 holes, golf car and green fee.

Attention Houston County Golf Course members, come out for a member’s fun day Dec. 17. Come be a member of the course for a day and pay members prices.

Come out and play during retiree appreciation day on Dec. 19. Cost is \$15 for 18 holes of play, golf car and green fee.

Marathon volunteers needed

Seventy dedicated volunteers are needed to ensure the continual success of the 2005 Museum of Aviation Foundation Marathon/Half-Marathon/5K Run/Walk to be held Jan. 15 at 7 a.m. Volunteers will receive a free logo-event T-shirt and a letter of appreciation for their good works. To get involved in this high-profile event that includes runners from every corner of our nation, e-mail 2nd Lt. Matt Fogarty at matthew.fogarty@robins.af.mil. Please include your name, unit, base address, T-shirt size and duty phone.

USAF Academy men’s basketball team plays in Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl Classic for Kids Saturday

The 4th annual Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl Classic for Kids men’s college basketball doubleheader will be played Saturday at Philips Arena in Atlanta.

Georgia Tech and the University of Georgia squad return to the Classic as they host the Air Force Falcons and Oregon State Beavers.

Georgia vs. Oregon State starts at noon, and Georgia Tech vs. Air Force begins at 2:30 p.m.

Lower and upper level family packages are available and include four game tickets, four Chick-fil-A sandwiches and a Chick-fil-A cow calendar (with over \$30 worth of food offers). The lower level ticket package is \$115, and the upper level ticket package is \$75. To order a package, call (404) 878-FUNN.

Individual tickets are also available for \$100 for club level; \$35 for 100 level; \$25 for 200 level; and \$15 for all

upper level seats. For tickets, call Ticketmaster at (800) 326-4000. No federal endorsement is implied.

Group tickets are \$5 off of any regular priced ticket, including upper level seats. Call (404) 878-3866.

The Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl Classic for Kids will benefit Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta and Camp Twin Lakes.

– From staff reports

PT ready

SOUTHWEST ASIA -- First Lt. Danielle Boz inspects a new Air Force physical training uniform jacket at a forward-deployed location. The jacket and matching warm-up pants combine with new Air Force PT shorts and shirts to give Airmen a uniform they can wear both off-duty and while exercising. Lieutenant Boz is an intelligence officer assigned to the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing.



U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. Aaron Burgstein

Robins hosts Keesler for SEMAC basketball Saturday, Sunday

Robins men’s and women’s varsity basketball teams will host Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., for Southeastern Military Athletic Conference play at the Fitness Center Saturday and Sunday.

The women’s teams will play Saturday at 4 p.m. and Sunday at 10 a.m. The men’s teams

will play Saturday at 6 p.m. and Sunday at noon.

As of Monday, Robins men’s team is third at 8-6 in conference play and 11-8 overall. The women’s team is in fourth place at 8-6 in conference play and 11-7 overall.

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Staff Sgt. Florence Knight holds a T-shirt she received while a contestant on “Central Georgia’s Survivor.” She won first place and \$5,000 for her survival skills.

Staff sergeant wins local survivor competition

By Lanorris Askew
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Staff Sgt. Florence Knight spent three days fighting off inch-long ants, avoiding water moccasins and living by her wits.

That may sound like an average deployment to some, but it couldn’t be more unique.

She wasn’t in a far off land defending freedom, the Airman was right here in Middle Georgia taking home the grand prize during her television debut on “Central Georgia’s Survivor.”

The local competition caught the attention of the avionics specialist from the Maintennance Directorate one night while she was watching one of her favorite television programs.

“I was watching CSI one night when I saw the advertisement for the show,” she said. “It said to go to the station’s Web site and if you were one of the first 200 registrants you’d be contacted.”

After several failed attempts at getting her computer to work, the very persistent sergeant tried one last time, and the rest is history. Not only she was one of the first 200 to register, but after a

video taped audition Sergeant Knight was one of seven selected to appear on the show.

With only a backpack containing three days worth of food, clothing and personal items, she and her opponents were driven to their exotic destination – a cow pasture in Jones County Oct. 1.

The show was originally scheduled to be filmed at Macon’s Lake Tobesofskée, but due to the several storms in the area the lake was at flood level and couldn’t be used.

During the three-day competition, which began with their backpacks being taken away and a competition for food for the next three days, the seven competed in several other “challenges” like scavenger hunts, rowing, rock climbing and running.

“This was a real challenge for me,” she said. “It was something I never thought I could do being out somewhere not bathing, not changing clothes. It really helped me realize that even things that you think you can’t accomplish you really can.”

Existing on her winnings of eight crackers, a handful of Wheat Thins and the complimentary bottles of water, this

single mother proved herself to be a true survivor.

“It was a learning experience for me,” she said. “I was so out of my element that I was really surprised that I won.”

Although she has been in the Air Force for nine years she has never been deployed.

The key to winning she said was building alliances.

“This taught me that you can get along with anybody,” she said. “They took seven people from seven different walks of life and we all got along really well.”

The prize money, which was \$5,000 for her first place win, came as an early Christmas gift.

“You can’t beat winning five grand right before Christmas,” she said.

With the money she gave some to her church, put some away for her daughter’s education and, of course, did a little shopping.

Sergeant Knight said she’s considering sending her tape to the original Survivor show but isn’t sure if a million dollars is worth leaving her 7-year-old daughter for the 39 days it takes to film the show.

“She’s worth a lot more than a million,” she said.

Civilian’s son ready to compete for star

By Lanorris Askew
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Barbara Loyd doesn’t usually make long-range plans, but she has known exactly where she’ll be Jan. 27 for more than a month – front row, center stage as her son, Chad Loyd, vies for the title of America’s “next rising star.”

The Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate’s lead item manager for electronic weapons systems said while planning for a family vacation to Pigeon Forge, Tenn., earlier this year she discovered that the first round of competition in a televised contest called America’s Next Rising Star would be taking place close by.

“I had seen the show a couple of times and thought it would be really great if Chad could compete,” she said.

After getting all of the details and making their arrangements, Mr. Loyd appeared on the show and won a place in the male pop category of the semi-final round. His winning streak continued Nov. 4 when he won a spot among the seven pop male performers in the finals.

Mr. Loyd said he has known he wanted to sing since he was 3 years old when he heard Whitney Houston belt out “The greatest love of all,” on the radio.

“I told my mom I wanted to be on the radio too,” he said in a phone interview. “I didn’t really know I had any talent until years later though.”

At age 9 he began to sing, and in junior high, high school and college that talent materialized in numerous musical productions.

“This is his dream, and I think this is really

meant to be,” she said.

The proud mother said even a terrible car accident two weeks before the quarter finals couldn’t keep him away.

“He was in a wheelchair, but he wouldn’t give up,” she said. “They helped him up on stage with his crutches and he performed perfectly.”

America’s Rising Stars is a spin off of the hit television show American Idol.

Beginning in August each week singers from across the country competed for the weekly title of “America’s Rising Star” best male or best female.

Those weekly winners returned in November for a special week of competition, striving to be one of those chosen for the finals round.

Mr. Loyd wowed the judges with his renditions of “You were Always on My Mind” by Willie Nelson and later “I Can’t Make You Love Me” by Bonnie Raitt and “Open Arms,” by Journey.

The 24-year-old singer and songwriter was a vocal performance major at Southeastern University in Lakeland, Fla., and says this is a step toward his dream of becoming a professional recording artist.

“One day I would like to be able to travel and do concerts and sing and write music,” he said.

He has already won 16 hours of recording time but is looking forward to a chance at the grand prize of \$25,000 and a recording contract.



Chad Loyd, son of Barbara Loyd, a lead item manager for electronic weapons systems at Robins, will compete for the title of America’s Next Rising Star Jan. 27.

When to watch

Previous performances are currently airing on the UPN network Saturdays at 11:30 p.m.

Driving General Martin

78th LRS Airman
to begin new year at
AFMC general's side

By Lanorris Askew
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It's a job that means constantly staying on your toes. It means long hours, extensive travel and knowing exactly what the boss wants and needs – and Staff Sgt. Stafford Williams can't wait to get started.

Selected from a pool of about 25 applicants, the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron Airman has been chosen to be the driver and trip planner for Air Force Materiel Command's top official, Gen. Greg. S. Martin.

Sergeant Williams said he found out about the opening from his superintendent, Master Sgt. James Muncy, who asked him if he'd like to apply.

"I said sure I would, and he offered to write my nomination package for me," said Sergeant Williams.

"I went up to (Air Force Materiel Command Headquarters in) Dayton, Ohio, for a week, did an interview with the general," he said. "They called me two weeks later and said I had gotten the job."

The 78th LRS Protocol noncommissioned officer in charge leaves his post here Dec. 20 and officially begins his duties with General Martin Jan. 1.

In his new position, he will be tasked with making sure all the general's hotel, airline and rental car arrangements are handled. He may also be asked to travel with the gener-



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Staff Sgt. Stafford Williams has been chosen to be the driver and trip planner for Gen. Greg. S. Martin, Air Force Materiel Command commander.

al when the need arises.

Second Lt. Soynae Fedrick, officer in charge of vehicle operations, called Sergeant Williams one of the best troops she has.

"He's a real go-getter," she said. "He's always first to volunteer and has won several awards. He's truly one of the best vehicle operators we have, and I know he's going to make us proud."

Sergeant Williams has been in the Air force for six years and is extremely proud and

excited about his new endeavor.

"It feels really good to have been selected," he said. "It lets me know that I'm being seen in the Air Force, and I'm making a mark and can progress with my career."

He said his family is also excited. His wife and two children are hoping to experience their first white Christmas.

"We're from Mississippi so that would be something new for us," he said.